

# Substation Community Liaison Group Meeting and Local Design Panel

Surfleet

March 2025

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Terms of reference
3. Project Update
  - a) Examination progress
  - b) Survey Updates
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5. Supply Chain and Collaboration
6. Design Panel (*Substation CLG only*)
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# 1. Introductions

## 2. Terms of Reference

# Terms of Reference and Aims

## Our Aims ...

To involve key local stakeholders in the design and development of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project (landfall, onshore cable route and substation) through presentations, discussions and planned workshop activities.

To act as a two-way communication channel between local communities and the project team.

To help foster local involvement and ownership of the project.

To facilitate focused discussions and ensure attendees can make the most out of the CLG's – it is intended for these groups to be focused on concerns/ issues / thoughts relative to their specific **local area**.



Approval of previous minutes



Any comments or queries prior to the meeting?



Declaration of Conflicts of Interests.

# 3. Project Update



# Project Timeline

Hearings  
completed,  
examination  
ends April 10th



Preferred  
bidder  
status  
secured  
**2021**



Seabed  
rights  
awarded  
**Jan 2023**



Grid  
Connection  
confirmed for  
2030  
**Aug 2023**



DCO  
application  
accepted  
**Q1 2024**



Consent  
granted  
**2025**

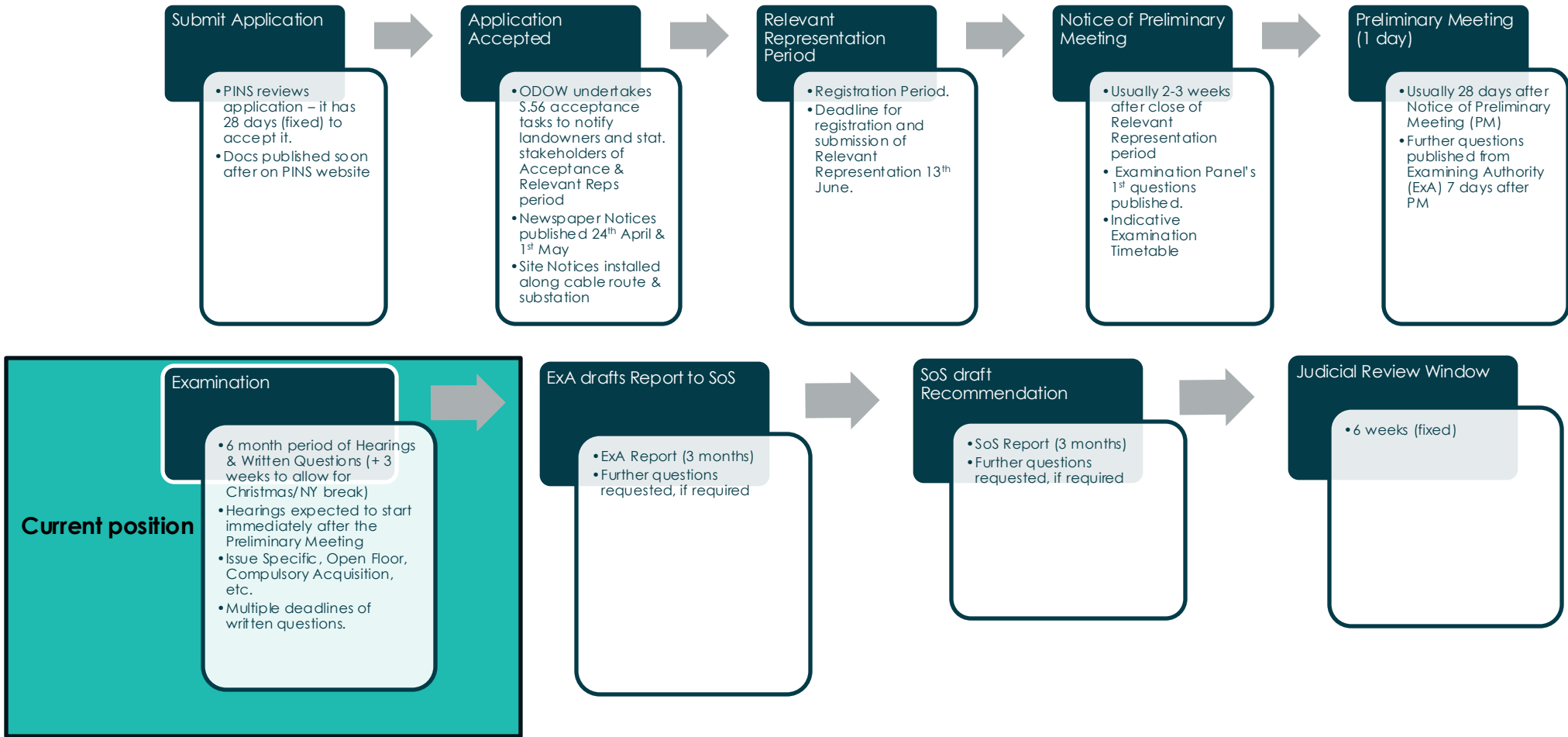


Construction  
**2027**



COD  
**2030**

# Examination progress




Examination Process ends April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

# Examination progress

Planning Inspectorate Webpage – all application and Examination updated documents available for download.

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010130>



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Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (Generating Station)

Documents

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[Rule 17 Letter - Request for further information - 21 March 2025 \(PDF, 235KB\)](#)

21 March 2025

Examination

Procedural Decisions

[Recording of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 \(CAH2\) - 19 March 2025 - Session 1 \(HTML, 4KB\)](#)

20 March 2025

Examination

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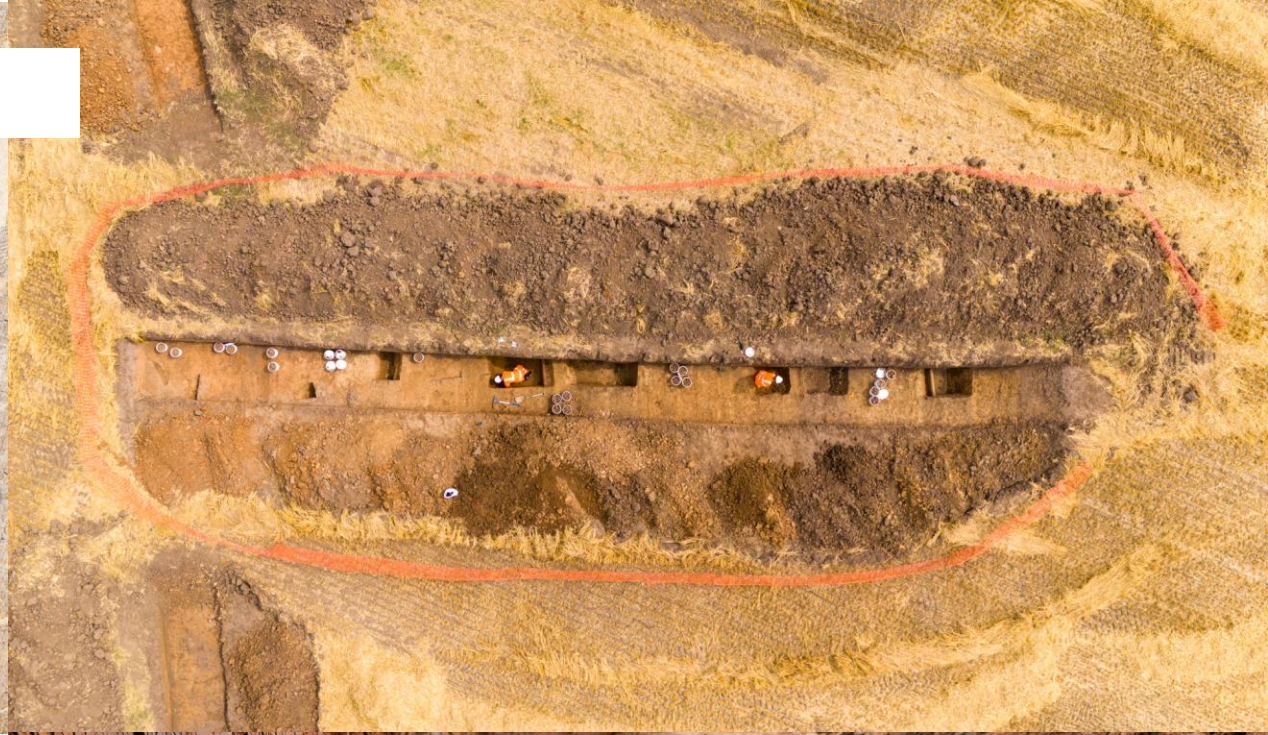
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# Future Surveys 2025

Activity	Location	Timing and Duration
Offshore geotechnical survey (boreholes and CPTs)	Array and offshore cable route	28th April and 08th August 2025
Nearshore geophysical survey (seismic refraction)	Off the coast from Anderby Creek	July 2025
Onshore Archaeology Excavation  Est. 200 trenches  Focusing on anomalies from geophys walkovers and 2024 trench works	Onshore Cable Route	April-August 2025



# 2024 Archaeological Surveys



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A total of 74 trenches were found to contain archaeological remains including:

- Pottery shards/ Ceramic fragments/ brooch
- Industrial debris
- Evidence of Late Iron Age and Romano-British enclosure
- Burnt (animal) bone

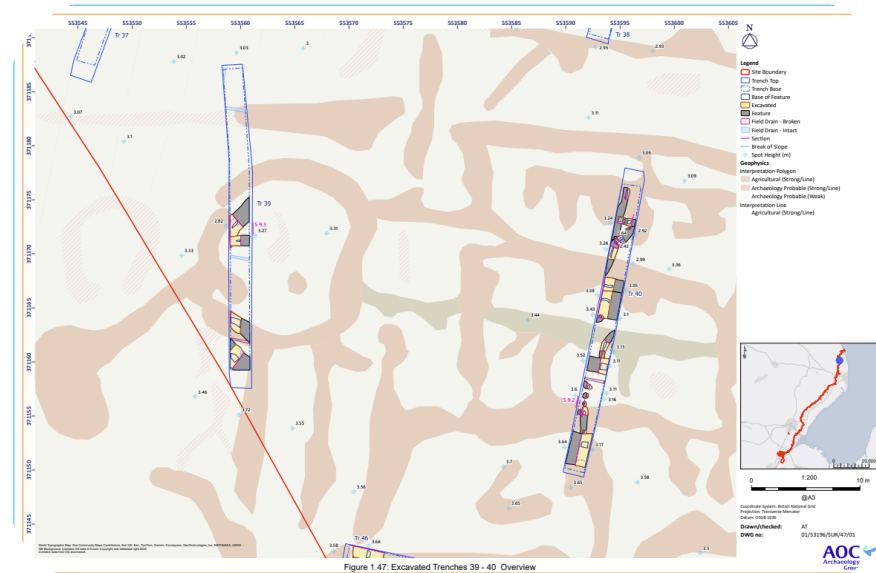


Figure 1.47: Excavated Trenches 39 - 40 Overview

## 4. Outer Dowsing in the community

# Careers outreach

Attended Careers Fair at  
Thomas Middlecott Academy  
in Kirton as part of National  
Careers week



Presented to Year 7&8  
year groups and 6<sup>th</sup> form  
Engineering and Business  
students at University of  
Lincoln Academy  
Holbeach



# Community Projects

Main community benefit fund to launch after financial close in 2027

In the interim we are funding projects that fall within our criteria to help support local communities.

Organisations must have own bank account, pass due diligence checks and project must fit within themes:

- STEM Skills
- Community health
- Nature positive
- Sustainable enterprise

Funded first aid training for Emergency response volunteers to help launch the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum in Sutterton, Algakirk and Fosdyke



Funded mental health first aid training for Young Farmers in partnership with LRSN



## 5. Supply Chain and Collaboration

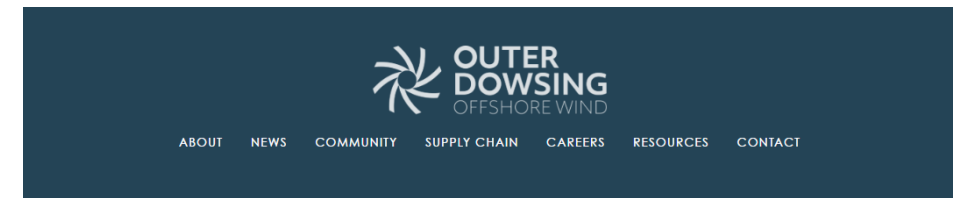
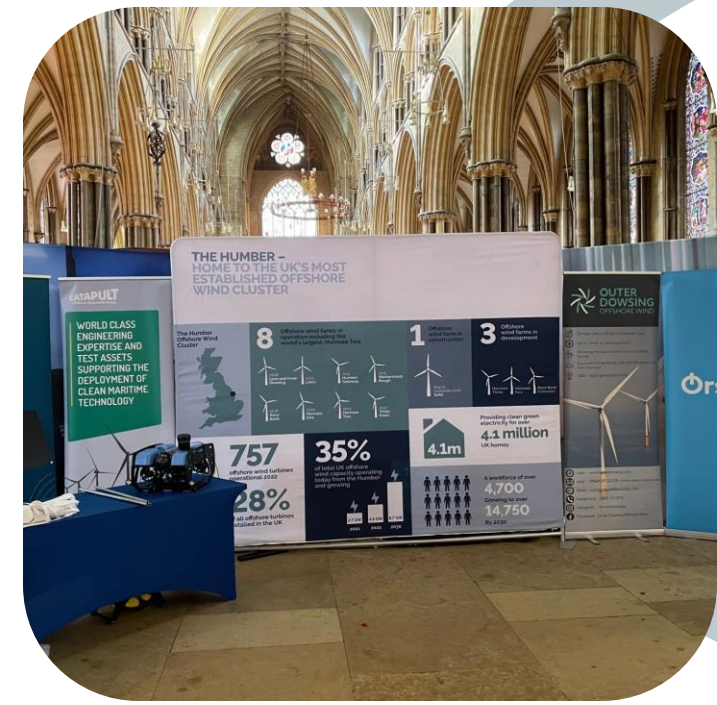


# Investing in the UK

We will work to Maximize investment in the UK supply chain and create skilled jobs

- Over **£2billion** estimated investment in the UK
- Over **1000 UK-based** skilled jobs during construction
- Over **400 UK-based** skilled jobs during operations for 35 years
- Member of **Humber Offshore Wind Cluster** working to bring economic growth to the region
- **Launched supplier portal** - please spread the word

<https://www.outerdowsing.com/supplychain/>



## OUTER DOWSING SUPPLIER PORTAL

Thank you for your interest in the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project. We are in the early stages of our project but are keen when the time comes to maximise local value through our supply chain.

Please complete the form below in English. Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (GT R4 Ltd) will store your personal data (name, title, email and contact phone) in our database of potential suppliers with a view to contacting you in the event we wish to explore new contracts. Registering via this portal does not pre-qualify your company, it is simply an expression of interest. By submitting your information you also accept on behalf of your company or organisation that Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (GT R4 Ltd) or our affiliates can contact you about opportunities to work on Outer Dowsing.

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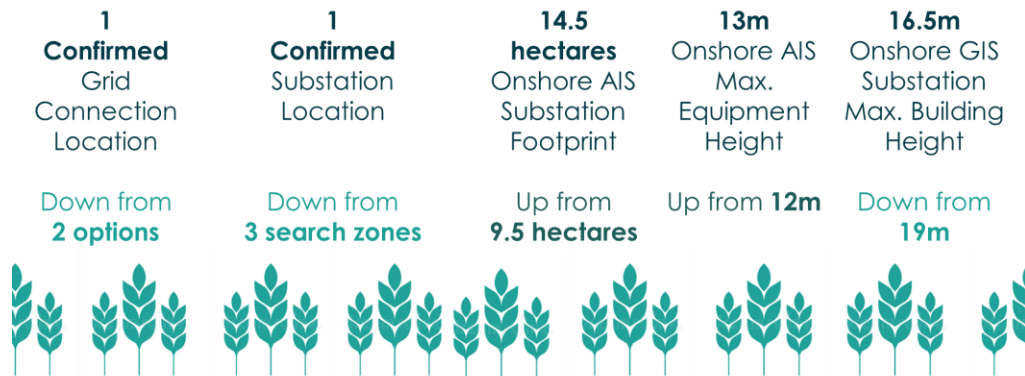
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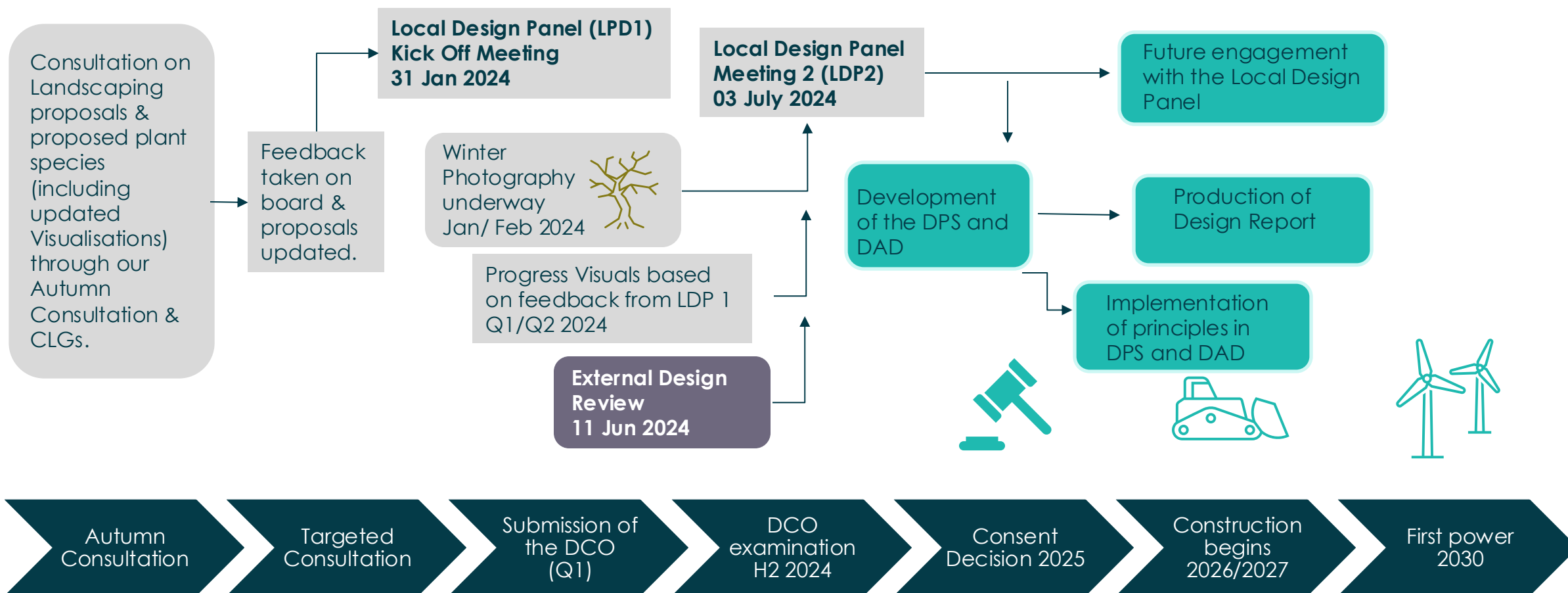
## 6. Substation Design (*Substation CLG only*)

# Onshore substation

- Following a **decision from the National Grid** that our connection point would be in the vicinity of Weston Marsh, we were able to remove Lincs Node from our Project Scope.
- We subsequently selected **Surfleet Marsh** as the optimum site for our substation taking into account multiple factors including engineering and environmental considerations.
- There will also be a need for a National Grid substation and associated enabling works within the vicinity of the project's onshore substation which we will connect to using 400kV underground cables which will run between our project substation and that which will be developed by National Grid Electricity Transmission

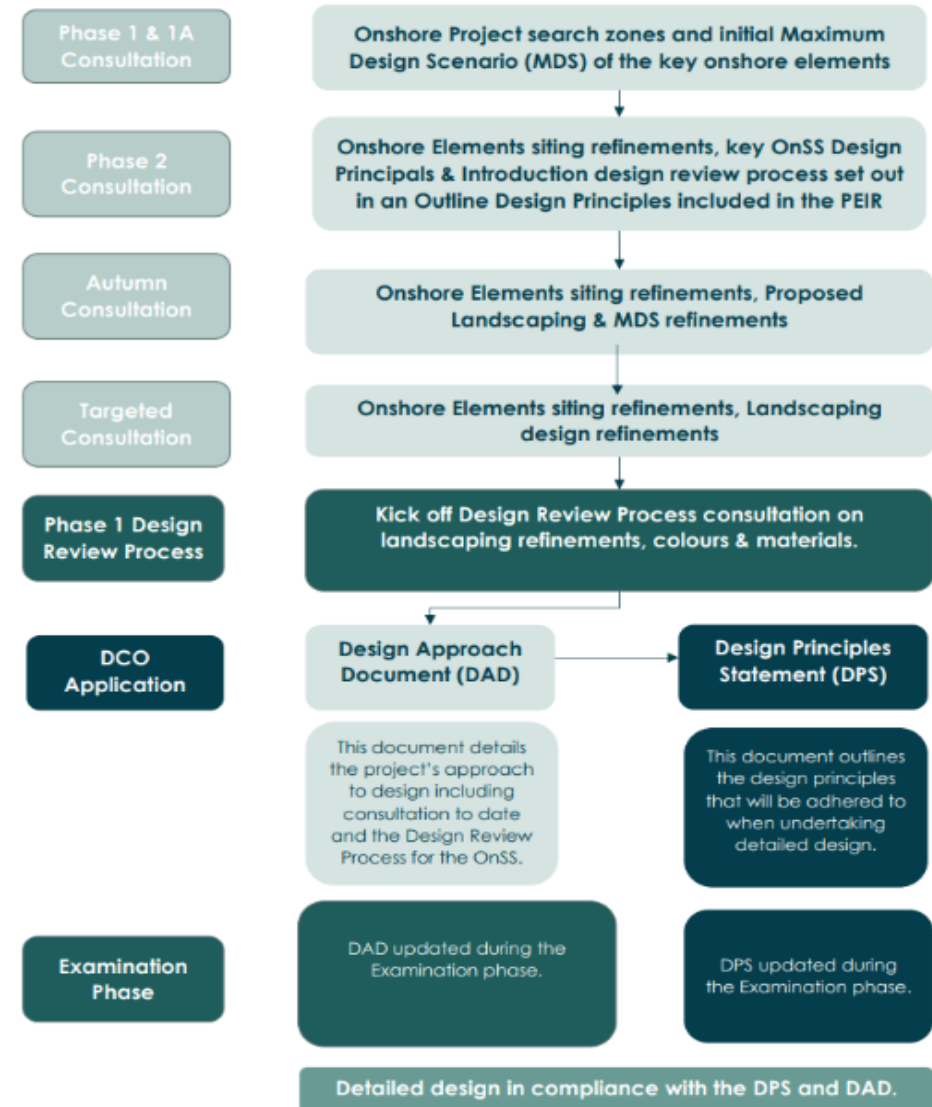


# Timeline and next steps



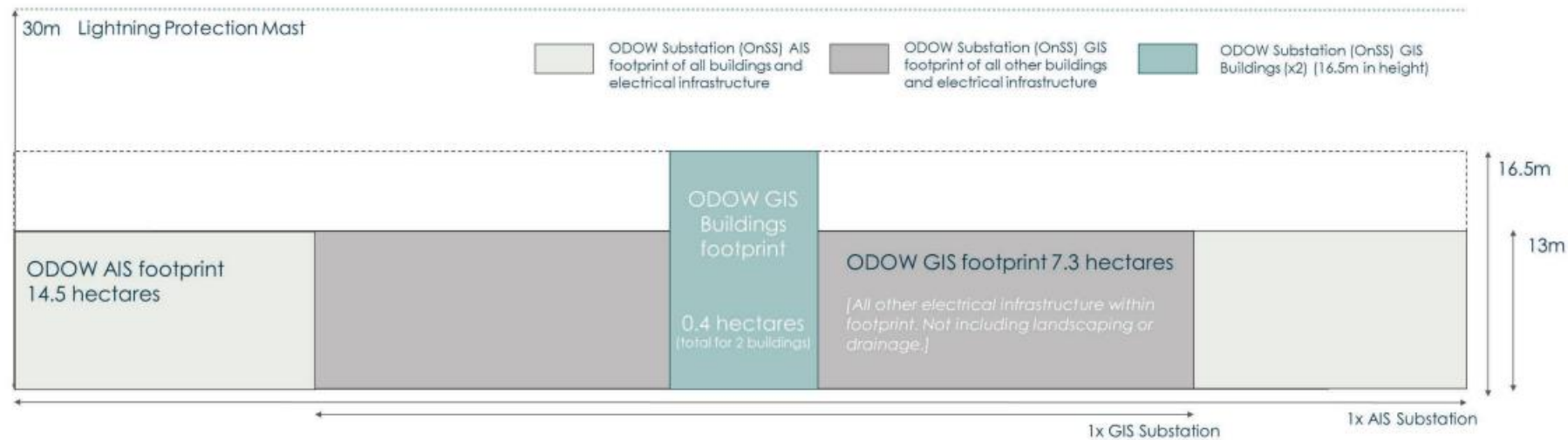
# Key Development Phases of the DPS and DAD

- Development of the detailed design will follow the process set out in the DAD and the principles set out in the DPS
- Emphasis on community engagement at every stage
- Commitment to ongoing engagement with the Local Design Panel during the detailed design process
- The Local Design Panel will create a forum to bring together key disciplines and the local community including
  - Architects
  - Landscape architects
  - Environmental specialists
  - Planning representatives
  - Local community
  - Engineers

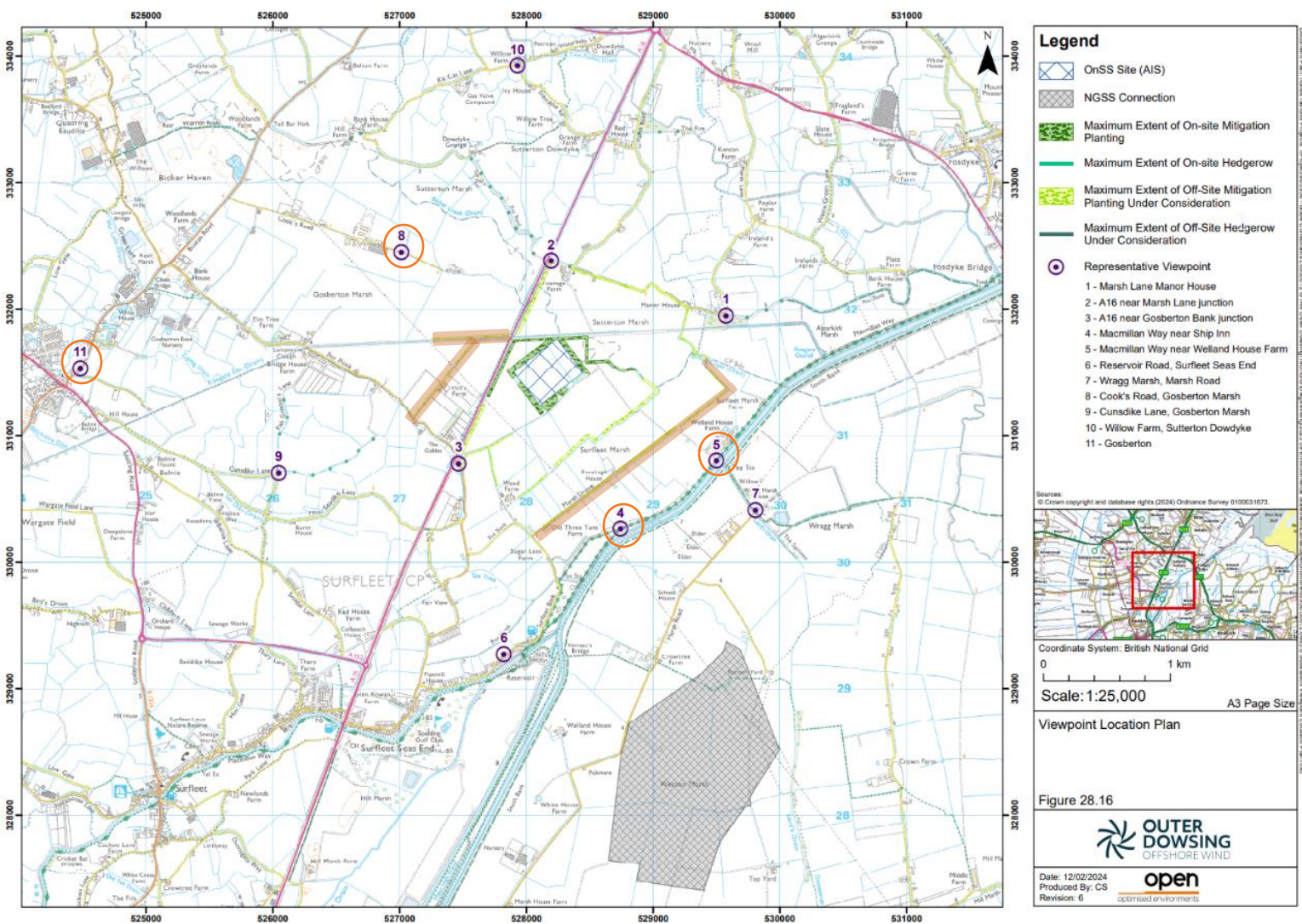


# Landscape Screening

- Current outline is based on the worst case maximum design scenario which includes maximum footprint and maximum height
- Planting will be refined during detailed design stage
- Meetings with Local Design Panel and CLGs will allow local community to contribute at key points where final landscaping and screening details are being finalised



# Example of refined planting scheme (AIS)



VP	Comment	Proposal
4	Closer range band of trees removed but no appreciable difference in screening effect from this viewpoint.	Area 2 -section south-west of cable crossing could potentially be removed
5	Closer range band of trees removed and screening effect reduced slightly.	Area 2 – section north-east of cable crossing suggested to be retained
8	Tree belt to south-east removed with no appreciable difference in screening effect from this viewpoint.	Area 1 could be removed
11	Tree belt to east removed with no appreciable difference in screening effect from this viewpoint.	Area 1 could be removed

**Bands proposed that could be removed under an AIS scenario**

# 7. AOB

